Truxton King, a wealthy New Yorker, goes to Graustark seeking romance. He meets Olga Platanova, an anarchist. The members of her group think he is a spy sent from America. Olga has been selected to kill the seven-year-old ruler of the country, with whom Graustark makes friends during a stolen visit to the palace. John Tullis, an American, guardian of the boy king, loves the young wife of Count Marianx, a forner Graustark court official, who had been extiled and is responsible for the activity of the anarchists, as well as other revolutionists in the kingdom. The Countess tells Tullis she suspects the count of plotting against the king. King and a Cook's agent go to a witch's hut, where King sees a mysterious eye. He returns to find its owner and disappears.

The countess has disappeared, and when Tullis insists on searching for her instead of King, Vos Engo volunteers to lead a party to rescue King.

The party that went in search of Truxton King found no trace of him.

King is taken under guard back to Edelweiss and through pu underground passage to the house, where he is told he is to die. He learns that he is the prisoner of plotters against the title prince.

He hears the conspirators discuss his been laid for Tullis.

While King awaits his fate another prisoner—Loraine, the prince's aunt—and with whom King is in lave, is brought in a prisoner and the two relate their experiences and plan to escape.

Loraine unbinds King's hands, and is horrified when he tells her of the plot to kill the prince.

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Some distance out of Edelweiss they escape from the car and barter with a farmer to return them to the city.

King reaches Edelweiss just as Olga prepares to hurl the bomb at the prince's carriage but disconcerted by his appearance, she throws it with indecision, and the prince is saved.

King, the prince, and Lorain and many of the royalty reach the castle safely, but are virtually prisoners there, as the Iron Count bas overwhelmed army and police. The Iron Count turns against the conspirators and seeks to gain the throne for himself.

Marianx, the Iron count, arrests and orders the execution of the conspirators, while plans in the castle are being made to rescue John Tullis, who is still outside the city walls.

The iron count sends an ultimatum to the castle demanding the surreader of Prince Robin, which is refused.

Count Voe Engo, himself in love with Loraine, orders King not to come near the castle, where the girl is staying.

When all others have failed King says he will go for John Tullis.

The prince sends for King, who learns that Loraine is greatly worried about his perlious journey.

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will not be driven back this time! They wil! not be denied. It is the last charge! God, how they come! Our men will be annihilated in—Where is he?. Now! Ah, I see! Yes, that is he! He is near enough now! I cannot miss him!"

miss him!"
Marlab was leading his men up to
the terrace. A howling avalanche of
humanity, half obscured by smoke,

A score of heavy feet trampled on the fallen leader, but he did not feel the impact.

A bullet from the north wing had crashed into his brain.

"At fast!" shrieked the old man at the window. "Come, Miss Tullis; my work is done."

"He is dead, your grace?" in low, awed tones.

"Yes, my dear," said the Duke of Perse, a smile of relief on his face. "Come, let me escort you to the prince, you have been most courageous. Graustark shall not forget you for the service you have rendered to me. I have succeeded in freeing my unhappy daugher from the vile beast to whom I sold her youth and beauty and purity! Come! You must not look upon that carnage!" Together they left the little room. As they stepped into the narrow hall bely ond they realized that the defenders that had been driven inside the walls of the castle. The crash of firearms filled the halls far below; a deafening, steady roar came up to them.

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"You're shot," she cried, clutching the post at the bend of the stairs. "Trux-ton! Truxton!" ton! Truxton!"

"Not even scratched," he shouted, as he r.ached her side. "It's not my—"
He stopped short, even as he held out his arms to clasp her to his breast, "It's some one else's blood," he finish"It's some one else's blood," he finish-

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was determined to storm the gates, and gave the command to retreat. Waying their rifles and shouting defiance over their shoulders, the dragoous drew up, wheeled and galloped toward the gates.

Truxten King afterward recalled to mind certain huge piles of fresh earth in a corner of the common. He did not know what they meant at the time of cobservation, but he was wiser inside of three minutes after the whilhiwind brigade dashed through the gates.

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Red and green troops were pouring through the dismantled gateway, their horses surging over the ugly groundrifts and debris as i? possessed of the fabled wings.

She had seen the rear line in the storming forces hesitate and then turn to meet the whirlwind charge of the cavalrymen. Her brother was out there and all was well. She was crying the joyous news from the head of the grand stairway when Truxton King caught sight of her.

Smoke writhed about her slim, inspiring figure. Her face shone through the drab fog like an undimmed star of purest light. He bounded up the steps toward her, drawn as by magnet against which there was no such thing as resistance.

He was powder-stained and grimy; there was blood on his face and shirt front.

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